

## TRIBUTE TO TOM SHARP

**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 2003*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to recognize Tom Sharp, a helicopter pilot from Telluride, Colorado and thank him for the contributions he has made to local search and rescue efforts. Tom recently risked his life and his helicopter to save two avalanche victims trapped on a steep slope near Telluride Ski Area, and today I would like to honor his service before this body of Congress and this nation.

Tom has been a pilot with Helitrax, a heliski guide service, for over twelve years. When he was called to assist in the rescue of two skiers caught in an avalanche, he immediately responded along with two Helitrax guides, braving a dangerous landing near one of the injured skiers before picking up more rescuers and dropping off more medical supplies. Then Tom made a daring attempt to reach the other skier, flying close to dangerous jagged rock in spite of unpredictable afternoon winds. Though he was unsuccessful, Tom and his fellow rescuers dropped supplies to the stranded skier that allowed him to climb out of the couloir and communicate with rescuers.

Mr. Speaker, pilots with the expertise and skill of Tom Sharp are crucial to successful search and rescue operations, and it is a great privilege to honor Tom here today. His years of experience and his willingness to take risks are a tremendous asset to the citizens of Telluride and to all of Colorado.

## TRIBUTE TO MR. MISHLER

**HON. BILL SHUSTER**

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 2003*

Mr. SHUSTER. Mr. Speaker, on May 4, 2003 the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, in conjunction with the Altoona Area School District and the Blair County Arts Foundation, will be dedicating a long-deserved historical marker commemorating Isaac Charles Mishler, the original owner of the Mishler Theater, located in downtown Altoona, Pennsylvania.

I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. Mishler for his vision of bringing the arts to his fellow citizens. The theater and the community's dedication to the arts have stood the test of time. Indeed, since its opening in 1906, the Mishler Theater has hosted the cream of the entertainment crop for almost 100 years.

The hallowed halls of the Mishler have seen the likes of John Drew, the Barrymores, Houdini, the Zeigfeld Folies, Bernadette Peters and George Burns. With over \$1.3 million in improvements over the years, the Mishler continues to provide the community with top-notch entertainment today.

Mr. Speaker, I am pleased to have had the opportunity today to recognize the efforts of the Altoona community and the numerous organizations that have worked together to preserve the Mishler Theater. Their efforts are a fitting tribute to Isaac Mishler's vision of a theater that serves as a center of arts and entertainment for the entire community.

TRIBUTE TO REV. HOLMES  
ROLSTON III**HON. SCOTT MCINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 2003*

Mr. MCINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I would like to take this opportunity to inform this body of a brilliant man from my home state.

The Reverend Holmes Rolston III, a philosophy professor at Colorado State University, is the winner of this year's Templeton Prize. The award recognizes research and discoveries that advances the understanding of God and spiritual realities. In winning this prestigious award, Reverend Rolston joins such luminaries as Mother Teresa, Billy Graham, and Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn.

Holmes grew up poor in rural Virginia in a home without running water or electricity. From that humble beginning, he rose to become what many consider the father of environmental ethics. Along the way he has lectured on all seven continents, written books that are used as texts at more than 150 universities, and co-founded the leading journal in his field, "Environmental Ethics."

Even though he has degrees in physics, theology, and philosophy, he still—at the age of 70—sits in on science classes. Learning is so important to this professor that he plans to donate his prize, which is worth more than \$1 million, to establish an endowed chair in science and religion at his alma mater.

Mr. Speaker, Reverend Holmes has distinguished himself as a professor, theologian, ethicist, environmentalist and philanthropist. He is not only a model citizen, but also an inspiration to his students, peers, and the community. It is an honor and a privilege to inform this body of his achievements. Congratulations on winning the Templeton Prize, Reverend Holmes, and best of luck with your future endeavors.

CONFERENCE REPORT ON H.R. 1559,  
EMERGENCY WARTIME SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS ACT,  
2003

SPEECH OF

**HON. SHEILA JACKSON-LEE**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Saturday, April 12, 2003*

Ms. JACKSON-LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of H.R. 1559, the Emergency Wartime Supplemental bill. I support this bill to honor our troops and provide relief to Americans suffering through these difficult economic times.

In this time of war and economic crisis, we do not need massive tax cuts. I applaud my Democratic colleagues on the Appropriations Committee for their tireless efforts to reach a Budget Resolution that achieves mutual reconciliation, supports our military, and helps to stabilize the economy in this time of economic crisis. We need mutual reconciliation right now, not disagreement.

I applaud the supplemental funds allocated for homeland security. I applaud the 26-week provision designed to help provide relief to the unemployed. Since the tragic events of September 11, 2001, I have fought on this floor for

the employees of the airline industry. I believe this bill goes a long way to providing the employees of the airline industry economic relief.

My Democratic colleagues on Appropriations did a wonderful job reducing many of the Administration's inflated fund requests. We lowered the President's request for a "flexibility fund" from \$59.9 billion to \$15.7 billion. We reduced the alien nations fund from \$50 million to \$25 million. These fund reductions, and the many others included in the supplemental will provide relief to every American.

The original emergency supplemental was illogical legislation. Never before have I seen such an outrageous departure from established Congressional procedure. The Senate approved an emergency supplemental bill for \$350 billion. Instead of following the wisdom of the Senate, the House proposes an emergency supplemental bill for \$550 billion. Never before have I seen Congress make such a frivolous budget decision.

I congratulate the hard work of the Appropriators. However, I would have preferred to see funds, such as a portion of the \$2.4 billion used for the reconstruction of Iraq, used to help domestically. I would like to see funds allocated to reach out to our small and minority-owned businesses, and not to large conglomerates and multi-national corporations.

I am on my way to visit Tommy Franks, and the many brilliant military strategists at Central Command. Plus, I recently visited several of the valiant soldiers who suffered injuries fighting in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Having met these brave young men, I know how much their sacrifice means to America.

I support H.R. 1559 to support our troops and to support the U.S. Economy.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. MICHAEL M. HONDA**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, April 30, 2003*

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, on rollcall vote Nos. 146, 147, and 148, I was unavoidably detained with important matters in my district.

Had I been present, I would have voted "yea" on rollcall vote 146, Congratulating Charter Schools Across the United States, "yea" on rollcall vote 147, Extending Congratulations to the United States Capitol Police on the Occasion of its 175th Anniversary, and "yea" on rollcall vote 148, Expressing Support for the Celebration of Patriots' Day and Honoring the Nation's First Patriots.

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SPECIALIST	ROY	RUSSELL
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**HON. PETER J. VISCLOSKEY**

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 1, 2003*

Mr. VISCLOSKEY. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and respect that I wish to commend Army Reserve Specialist Roy Russell Buckley for his bravery in the field of battle and his willingness to fight for his country. Specialist Buckley lost his life on Wednesday, April 23, 2003 in Baghdad, Iraq while transporting fuel trucks for the 685th Transportation